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The restriction requirement sent 07/06/2006 is hereby vacated in view of the preliminary amendment, filed 10/15/2003, which was overlooked by the examiner. The examiner wishes to apologize for any inconvenience this has caused the applicant. The preliminary amendment canceled claims 1-43, and added claims 44-56. As newly added claims 44-56 do not appear to be restrictable, an action on the merits will be completed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pablo Whaley whose telephone number is (571)272-4425. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am - 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached at 571-272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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